GIS and GPS to curb infiltration across border

940. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is equipping with latest technology of Geographic Information System (GIS) and Global Positioning System (GPS) in order to curb infiltration across the border and also to counter terrorist activities; and

(b) if so, at what cost and from which country these systems will be procured and when the BSF is expected to apply these systems whenever and wherever required?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 6448 Nos. Global Positioning System (GPS) have been procured from M/s Magellan Navigation Inc. United States of America at a cost of US $198.00 per unit and further distributed to all Head Quarters/units and training institutions of Border Security Force (BSF). GIS pilot project is installed at Frontier Head Quarter BSF New Delhi. A tender for installing GIS in all Battalions of BSF is in progress. The total estimated cost is Rs. 24.79 Cr. With this the entire BSF up to Battalion level will be served with GIS.

Apprehension of attack on Tirupati temple

†941. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is apprehension of an attack on Tirupati temple;

(b) whether Lashkar-e-Taiba men have been arrested in Vithoor district; and

(c) whether it has been found out as to how they came to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One Lashkar-E-Taiba activist, a resident of Jammu & Kashmir was arrested on 02.07.2007 in Madanapalle of Chittor district (Andhra Pradesh) and cash Rs. 88,000/-, 2 Motorola Cell phones and one fake Election Photo Identity Card were seized.

(c) As per reports by District Police the arrested person went to Pakistan from Kashmir and returned to India via Nepal.

Bangladeshi infiltrators in Assam

†942. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Bangladeshi infiltrators in Assam is more than 50 lakhs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.